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Dear Mr. Schneider,

It is, I assure you, as much a pleasure to me, with all the ailments I have and their limitations to still be around only a decade younger than you!

We also hdd similar experiences with the Indiana Univ. Press. They declined Whitewash.

With me it was long before Garrison- in 1965.

I've checked your two citations to Volume 7. We can thanks Belin for seeing to it that what Dhority testified to (155) remains ambitguous and is seemingly disputed (297) in Belin's deposition of Holmes.

If Dhority did say that Holmes, he thought "recorded most of their interviews." But that he did not say "tape recorded" and wasn't asked means that he could have "recorded" them in taking notes.

Holmes testified that he had "a few notes" from which he dictated his memo.

This at least suggests that he had nothing but notes.

Of all those participating in the Oswald interviews the postal inspector had less reason to need what Oswald said verbatim than any of the others. I therefore believe that he did not take a tape recorder to any of the interrogations.

I also think that if he had it would have been so well-known that it could not have been kept secret. In those days tape recoders were rather bulky. And there was considerable controversy over the absence of any tapes. Some of the police, who did talk, would have said something and it is likely the press would have seen it if Holmes had carried a tape recorder into the interviews.

It is a not uncommon practise for the police to refer to the taking of notes as "recording" what was said.

This can be used against Belin but I fear it is less than proof of tape recording. Moreover, if there had been any tapes by now they would no longer exist.

If you can recall any other indication that there may have been taping please let me know and I'll ask my former FOIA lawsuits lawyer to make a FOIA request. But he is too overwoked now to ask this of him when he will agree that Dhority was likely referring to making the notes that Holmes testified he did make.

Finding the death certificate was not only a stroke of luck, as you call it, it was one that could not have been anticipated.

I hope we are both around for more years of considering the additional tragedy of all the official failures and transgressions in the wake of the assassination tragedy!

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold

Harold Weisberg